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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56**

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This Information Disclosure Statement includes 6 pages of PTO-1449 forms; however, it does not include copies of the references listed on the forms, as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), because copies already were provided in an earlier

U.S. application, or a priority application thereto (Serial Nos. 10/617,879 and 10/267,036), that is relied on here for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

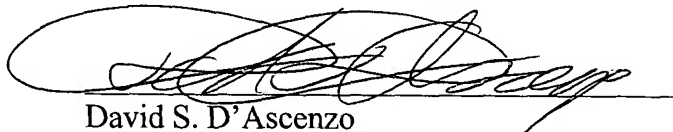
An English-language abstract of German Patent No. DE 3727789 is already of record in the previously cited applications cited above.

On information and belief, the safe water pouch disclosed in the Texas Research Institute Austin, Inc. Web site was publicly disclosed in 2000.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or comments regarding this Information Disclosure Statement.

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